

## MacCann, Ciaran

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**From:** Joe Dalton <joe.dalton@ntrplc.com>  
**Sent:** 15 May 2017 17:16  
**To:** MacCann, Ciaran  
**Cc:** Eamonn Medley  
**Subject:** Review of Electricity Distribution and Transmission Connections Policy

Dear Mr McCann,

I am writing to indicate that NTR has been involved in the development of the NIRIG response to the NIAUR consultation on connections. NTR fully endorses the response by NIRIG to the consultation document and it represents the views of NTR in this matter. NTR is keen to continue with investment in Renewable energy in Northern Ireland, and currently has 3 large scale projects here. The detailed NIRIG response is being forwarded by Maebh Cormacain.

The key messages in this response – which represent our considered views are:

*'We urge that this consultation, the NIEN RP6 Final Determination, the forthcoming SONI Transmission Development Plan and the expected Department for the Economy Energy Strategy align to meet three key needs:*

- 1. Further strengthening of current network to provide firm access for committed generation*
- 2. Growth of the electricity network to provide the framework for a modern economy and competitive electricity market*
- 3. An appropriate connection policy in the short-term as well as an enduring policy that facilitates connection of customers and sends the correct market signals'*

We also note grave concerns with the proposal to allow NIE and SONI to allow the refusal of connection offers based on lack of transmission capacity.

Kind Regards,

**Joe Dalton**

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